

Comprehensive and Sensitive Microbial Detection Using A Broad Spectrum Detection Microarray



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Experimental Test Site
(11 miles² near Tracy, CA)



- Established in 1952
- Approximately 6,500 employees
- 7.1 million gross square feet, 684 facilities
- Annual federal budget: ~ \$1.5B

International Space Station—Microbial Observatory of Pathogenic Viruses, Bacteria, and Fungi (ISS-MOP) project

- New Space Biology project
- Lawrence Livermore National Lab
- JPL (Venkat)
- NASA Ames (David J. Smith)
- JSC (Satish Mehta)



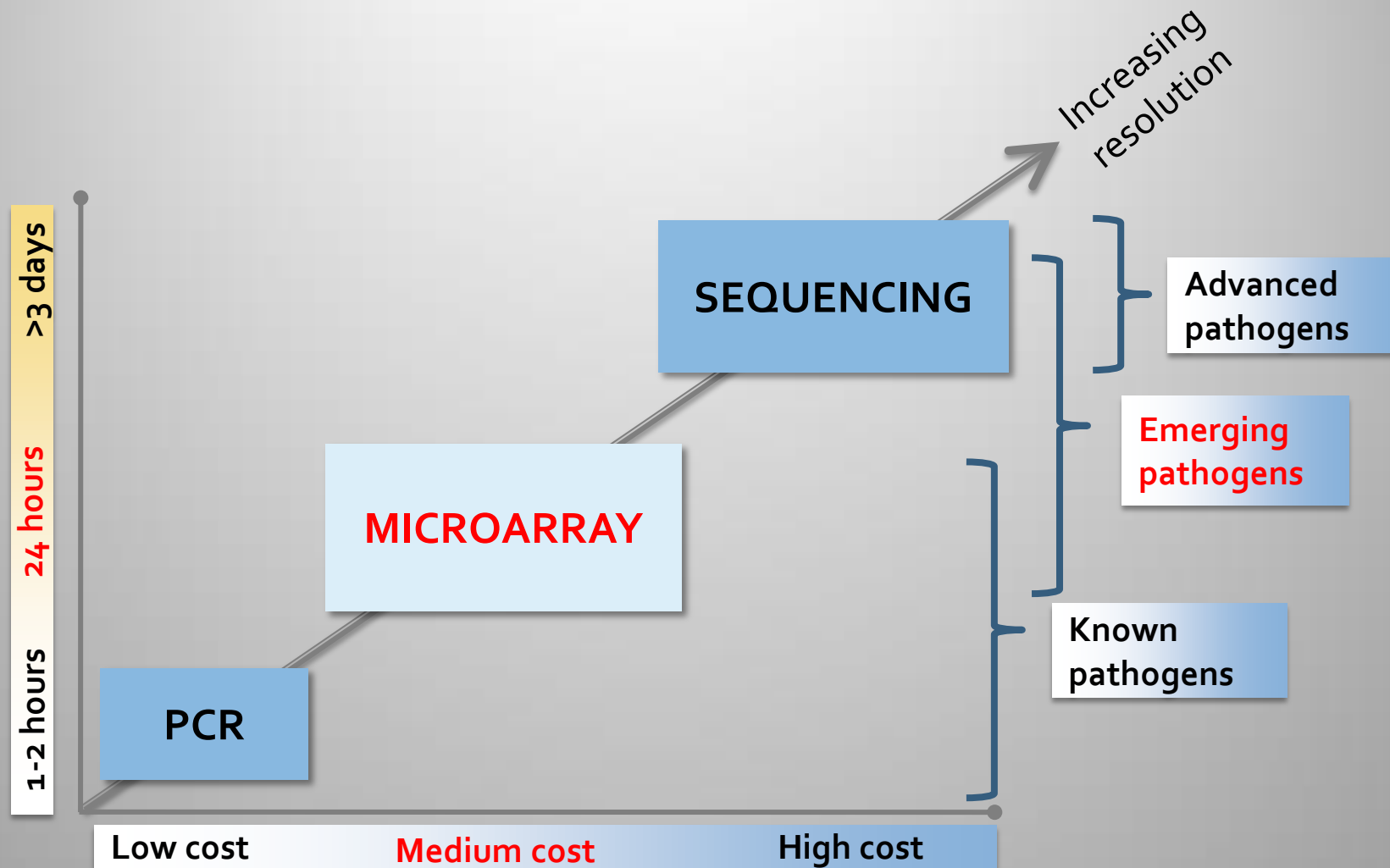
Lawrence Livermore Microbial Detection Array (LLMDA), “the everything test”, detects >10,000 microbes



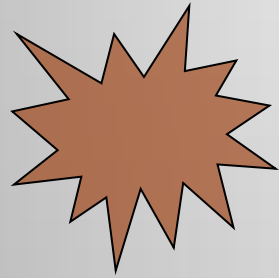
Domain	# families	# species	# sequences*
Archaea	29	293	517
Bacteria	265	5367	24945
Fungi	101	265	395
Protozoa	32	117	191
Virus	94	4219	86931
Total	521	10261	112979

*Sequences: complete finished or draft genome, segment, chromosome, plasmid, June of 2013

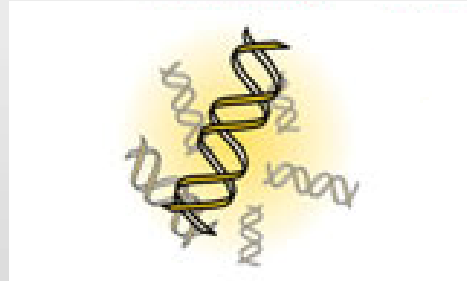
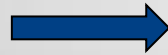
Genomic technologies for pathogen detection



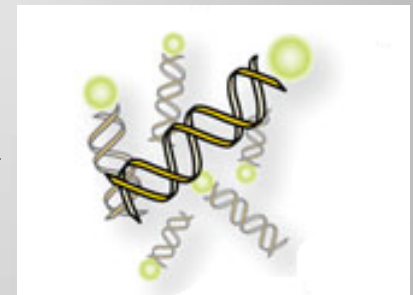
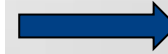
Microarrays can analyze complex clinical and environmental samples



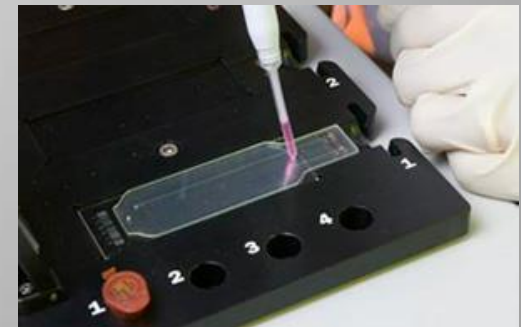
Unknown Sample



Isolate DNA/RNA
Amplification if needed



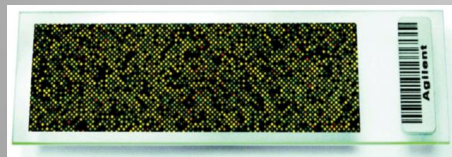
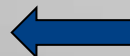
Label with
fluorescent dye



Hybridize sample on array

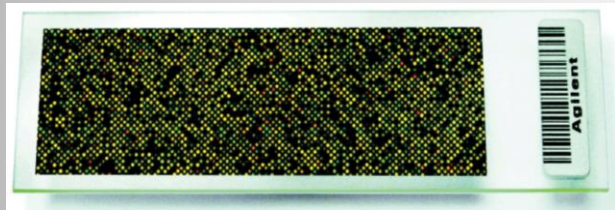


Detect signal on
fluorescent scanner



Data analysis

Automated microarray analysis with web data entry, easy to upload



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Chip design: Raw data file: Sample name:

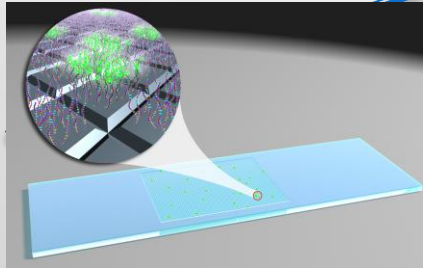
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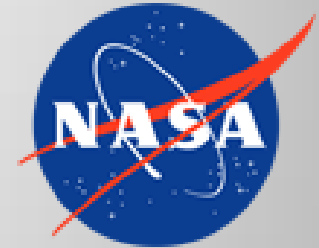
- Results in ~ 20 minutes
- Linux based, requires 64 GB memory

LLMDA has a wide array of applications

- Environmental monitoring
- Public health
- Vaccine safety
- Food safety
- Biodefense
- Animal health
- Planetary Protection

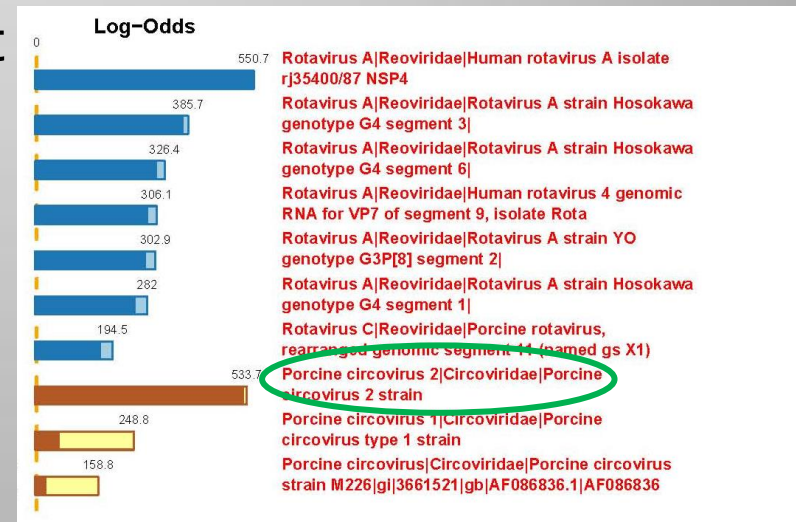


LLMDA has many collaborations



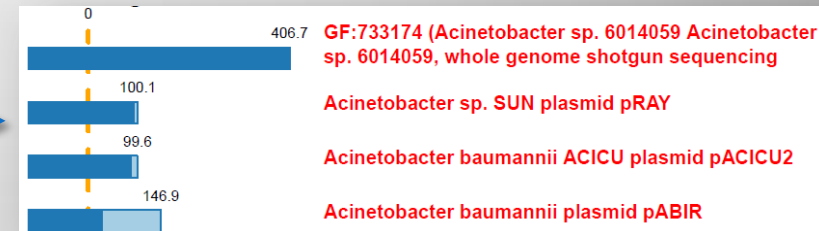
LLMDA in vaccine safety: detected an adventitious pig virus in a vaccine

- Eight live attenuated vaccines tested, in collaboration with Eric Delwart
- Identified a contaminating porcine circovirus from Rotarix vaccine
- Being evaluated as risk assessment platform by pharmaceuticals



Victoria JG, et al., *J. Virol.* 84: 6033-40, 2010

LLMDA in infectious disease: identification of wound microbes



- >100 combat wounded samples (serum, tissue, effluent) analyzed by LLMDA
- More sensitive than culture
- Faster than DNA sequencing

LLMDA identified a range of wound pathogens

Microorganism	Number of positive samples
Acinetobacter sp.	30
Acinetobacter baumannii	28
Escherichia coli	7
Klebsiella pneumoniae	6
Borrelia afzelii	5
Enterobacter cloacae	5
HPV 57	5
HPV 71	5
HHV 6A	4
Salmonella enterica	4
Bacteroides fragilis	3
Human parvovirus	3
Mycobacterium abscessus	3
Pseudomonas sp.	3
Bacillus cereus	2
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	2
Ralstonia solanacearum	2
Staphylococcus lugdunensis	2
Streptomyces sp.	2
Uncultured bacterium plasmid pB10	2

- 50% yielded > 1 detected organism upon analysis
- 37% culture-negative samples are positive via array
- Observed different pathogens associated with failed vs healed wounds

Be et al., 2014, J. Clinical Micro

Secrets in the Bones: The Hunt for the Black Death Killer



Hendrik Poinar, McMaster University



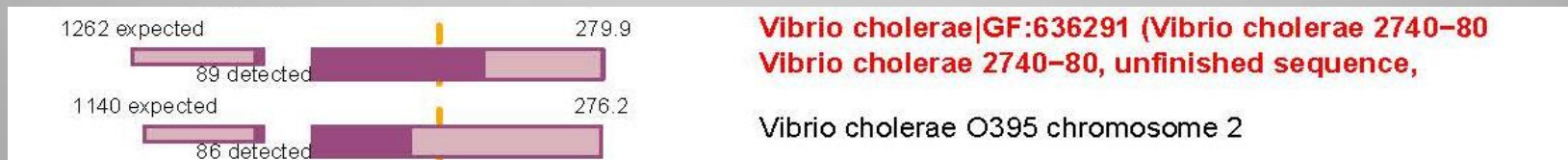
Alison Devault

Identification of *Y. pestis* and *V. cholerae* from ancient DNA samples

- LLMDA detected *Yersinia pestis* in a tooth sample from a medieval Black Death plague corpse dating from 1348



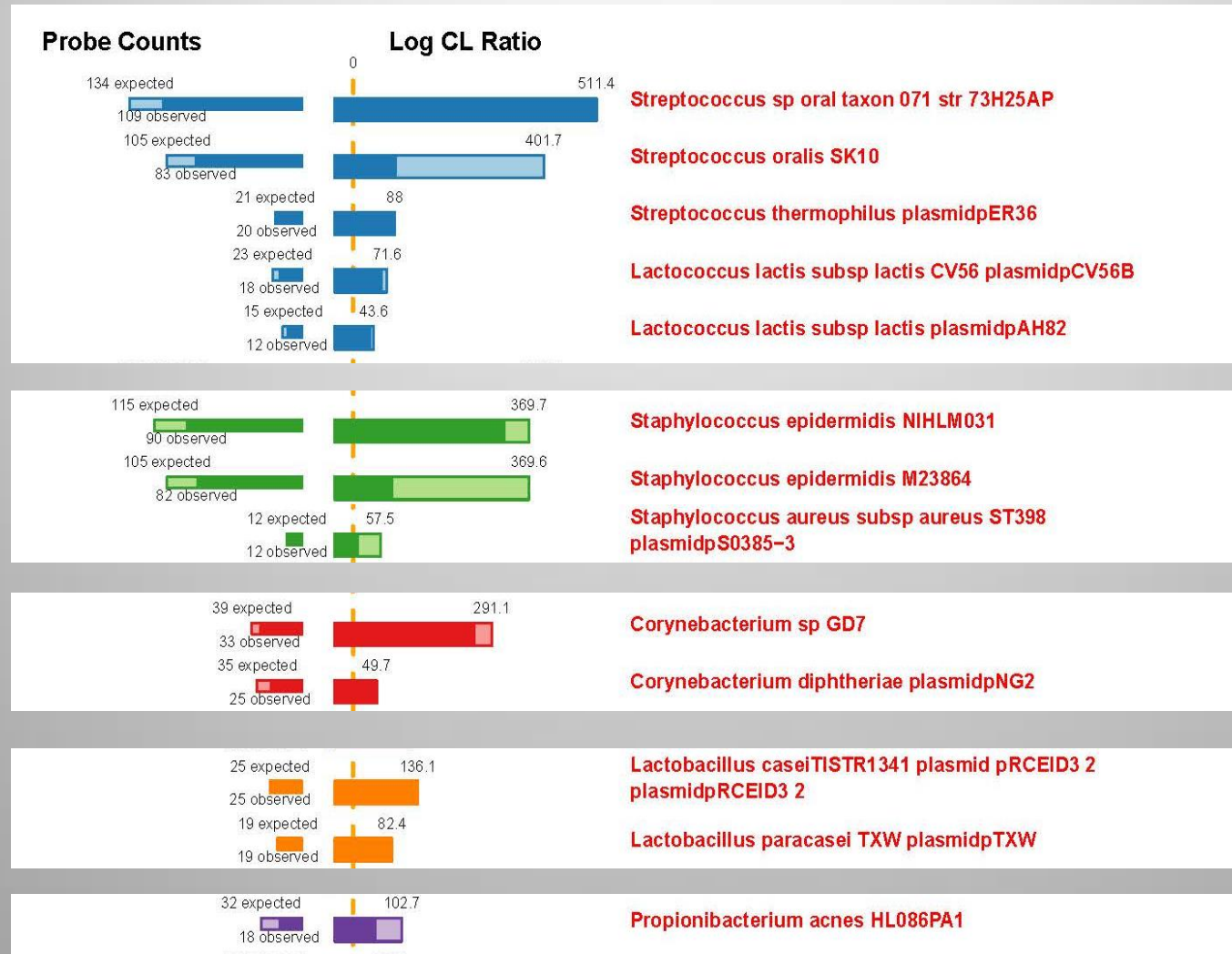
- LLMDA detected *Vibrio cholerae* in a preserved museum specimen from a 1849 cholera victim



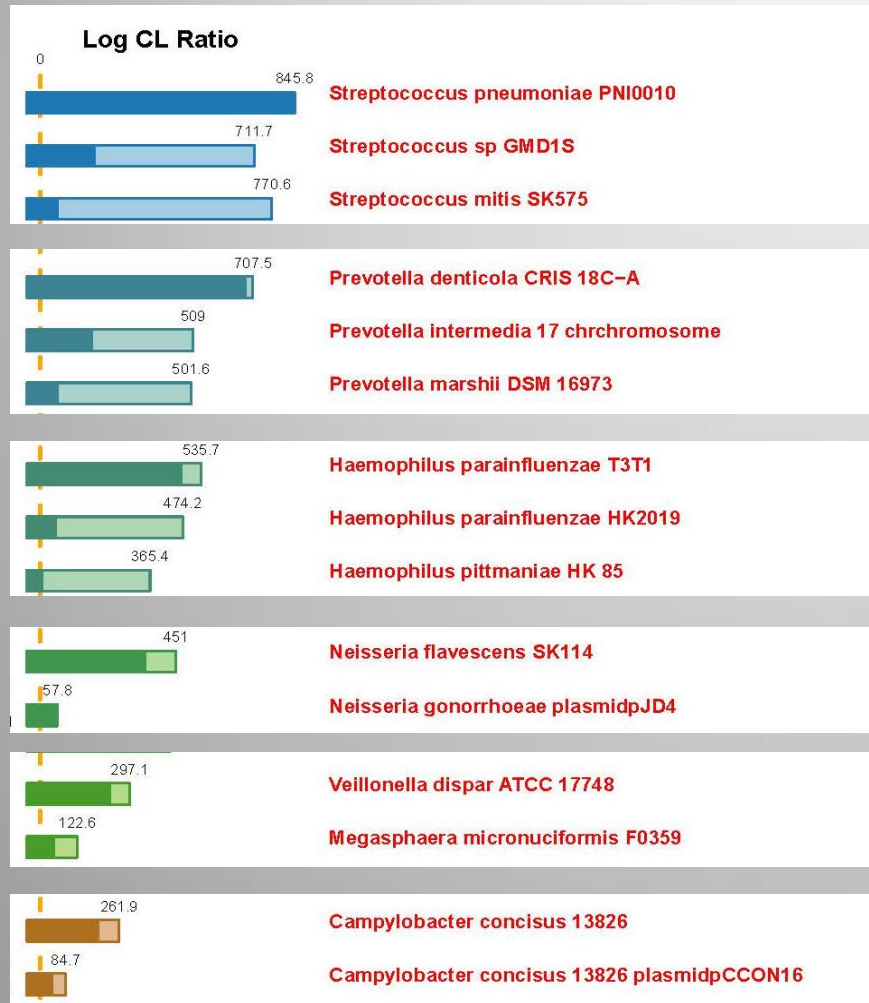
- 1,272 (0.001% of BLAST reads) were *Y. pestis*
- 10,379 (0.009% of BLAST reads) were *V. cholerae*

Devault et al., Scientific Reports, 2014

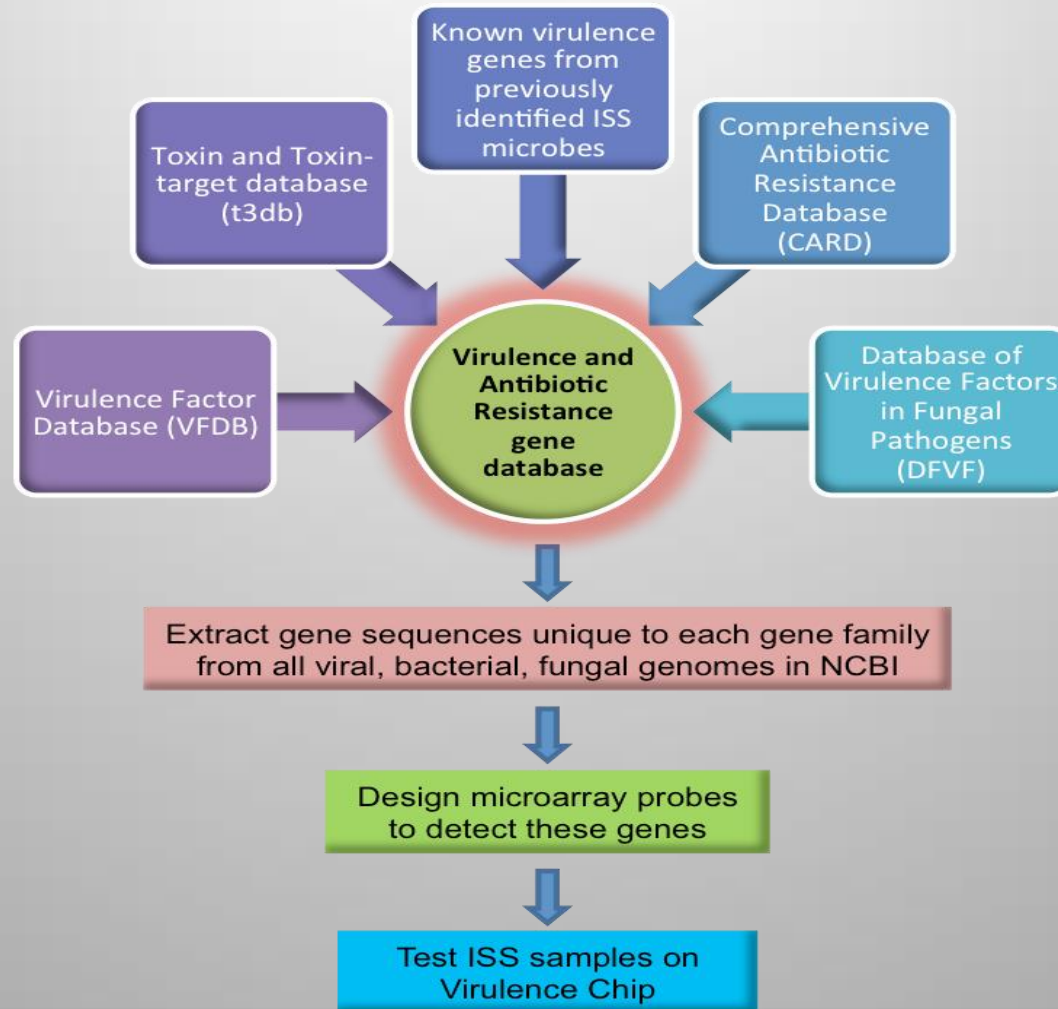
LLMDA used on ISS dust filter samples



Saliva sample analyzed on LLMDA to assess microbiome and pathogens



Virulence Chip will be used to characterize virulence, antibiotic resistance of ISS samples



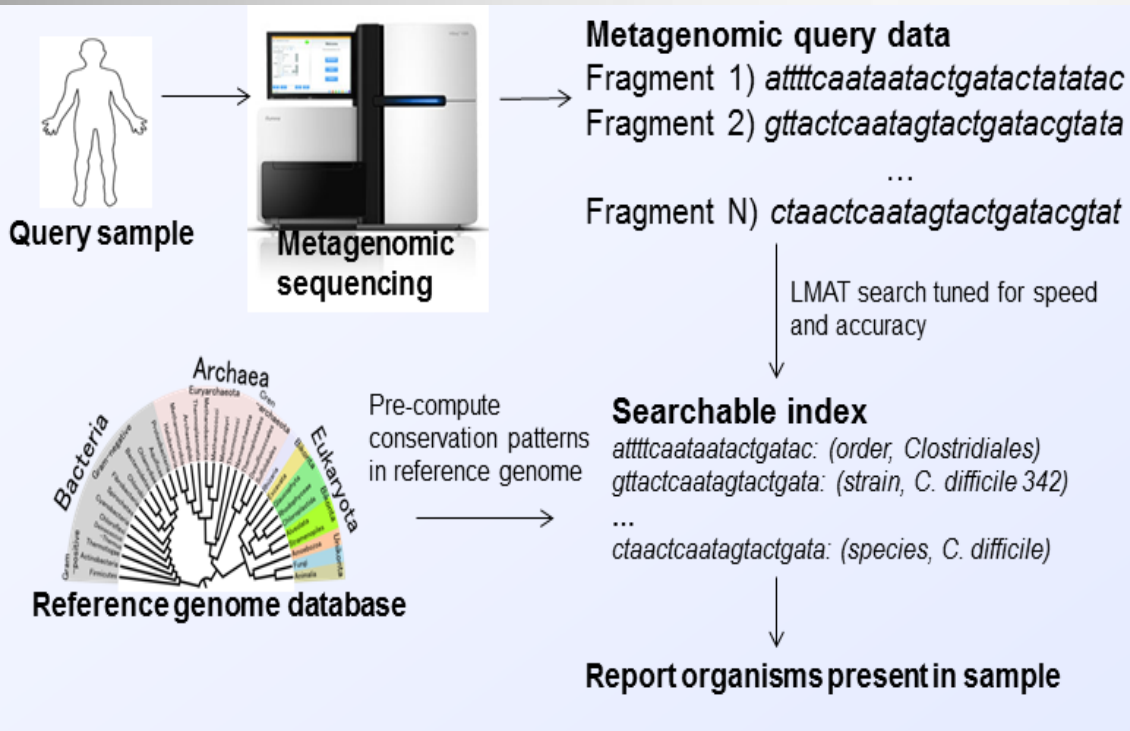
High-Performance Computing (HPC) is part of the Laboratory's DNA



Sequoia ranked #1 on the three lists, set a record by simulating 504 billion events per second.



Livermore Metagenomic Analysis Toolkit: shotgun metagenomic analysis conducted on an unprecedented scale



Search all complete and draft genomes:

- viruses, bacteria, archaea
- protozoa, fungi
- human, mitochondrial DNA of larger eukaryotes
- artificial sequence (vectors, etc)
- all sequenced genes

12,632 species

~3 times larger than the closest searchable DB

Application: strain/gene identification and organism discovery

Search many more genes and genomes than otherwise possible using new large memory computing architectures



Future research to develop a fully integrated system from sample prep to pathogen ID

